Drop in prices of various Textile products

†4482. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that prices of various products under textile industry of the country have come down in Jan-Feb., 2005;

(b) if so, the names of the products and to what percentage the prices of each of the products are estimated to come down;

(c) whether reasons for reduction in the prices of said products have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assessment with regard to the impact on textile industry following reduction in prices?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the All India Whole Sale Price Index for All Commodities (1993-04=100), the index for Textiles declined by 2.08 percent in January, 2005 and by 0.23 percent in February, 2005. The major group/ itemwise details was as shown below:

All India Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities during 2004-05

Sl. No.	Major Group/ Item	December'04	January'05	February'05 (P)*
	1	2	3	4
Textiles		**134.4**	**131.6**	**131.3**
			(-2.08)	(0.23)
1.	Cotton Textiles	162.9	158.0	156.7
			(-3.01)	(-0.82)
2.	Manmade Textiles	99.0	97.7	97.2
			(-1.31)	(-0.51)

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1	2	3	4	5
3.	Woolen Textiles	177.1	177.4 (0.17)	177.1 (-0.17)
4.	Jute, Hemp and Mesta Textiles	193.7	193.4 (-0.15)	196.6 (1.65)
5.	Other Misc.	188.4	189.5 (0.58)	201.2 (6.17)

*Provisional

Note : Figures in brackets show percent increase over the previous month.

Source: D/o Industrial Policy and Promotion, M/o Commerce and Industry.

(c) and (d) The decline in index for textiles has mainly been on account of sharp fall in raw cotton prices following increase production. The decline has had a positive impact on yarn and fabric prices and the adverse effect on farmers has also been neuteralised to a large extent by increased yield with use of high quality seeds and also Minimum Support Price operations by the Government.

Investment in Textile Industry

†4483. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with abolition of quota system by USA and European countries capital investment in textile industry has increased since January, 2005;

(b) if so, the additional capital investment during January and February, 2005;

(c) the amount of foreign capital out to the same; and

(d) the areas in textile production in the country where the said capital has been invested alongwith the amount of the same?

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